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Patrol duty by Thalayari and Vettiyan at night.

* 1043 *Q.*—SRI I. K. SUBRAMANIA PILLAY (on behalf of Sri S. T. Adityan): Will the Hon. the Minister for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether village servants known as Thalayaris and Vettiyans have the duty to patrol the village at night;

(*b*) whether the patrol duty is enforced in the Tirunelveli district;

(*c*) whether the patrol duty is actually being performed in that district; and

(*d*) whether the patrol duty was discontinued for some time in that district?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER:—" (*a*) to (*c*) Yes.

" (*d*) No."

Construction of a bridge at Nileshwar in South Kanara.

* 1044 *Q.*—SRI M. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR: Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state at what stage the construction of the bridge at Nileshwar in South Kanara district stands now?

THE HON. RAJA SRI SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI:—" The well sinking for foundation is in good progress. The bridge is expected to be completed before the end of 1954–1955."

Audit of expenditure from the budget provision for contract allowance under Demand IX.

* 1045 *Q.*—SRI S. RAMALINGAM: Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the expenditure from contract allowance of Rs. 1,50,000 under Demand IX—Head of State and Ministers, is subject to audit; and

(*b*) the purposes for which money can be spent out of this allotment?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM:—" (*a*) No. Sir.

" (*b*) (1) Pay and allowances of Raj Bhavan household establishment (i.e., butlers, bearers, peons, lascars, cooks, sweeping women, conservancy sweepers, dhobies, car drivers, cleaners, etc.)

(2) Liveries to the above establishment.

(3) Laundry contingencies.

(4) Library—purchase of books, magazines and periodicals.

(5) Special stationery for use of guests.

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(6) Stable contingencies.

(7) Special expenditure incurred in connection with the visits of the President, Prime Minister and other Very Important Persons.

(8) Miscellaneous and petty expenditure.

Items (1) and (2) above account for nearly 60 per cent and maintenance of motor cars for nearly 10 per cent of the total grant of Rs. 1,50,000."

Inclusion of "arrack" in the definition of "liquor" in the Madras Prohibition Act.

* 1046 *Q.*—SRI K. ARANGANATHAN: Will the Hon. the Minister for Religious Endowments and Transport be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of cases acquitted in the Madras State due to non-inclusion of 'arrack' in the definition of 'liquor'; and

(*b*) what steps the Government have taken to include 'arrack' in the definition of 'liquor' in the Madras Prohibition Act?

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN:—"(*a*) Six.

"(*b*) The Government have ordered the filing of an appeal in the High Court. Action will be taken after the appeal is decided by the High Court."

MR. SPEAKER:—"If it is before the Court, it is *sub judice*." 9-50 a.m.

Repairs to the Irrigation Channel at Vilanguvasal, Mayuram

* 1047 *Q.*—SRI V. GOVINDASWAMY NAIDU (on behalf of Sri K. R. Sambandam): Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether any petition has been received from the ryots of Vilanguvasal village, Mayuram taluk, about the state of disrepair of the Irrigation channel at Vilanguvasal; and

(*b*) if so, what steps have been taken so far?

THE HON. RAJA SRI SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI:—"(*a*) & (*b*) A petition was received by the local officers in November 1952 from the villagers of Vilanguvasal praying for the repair of certain masonry works in the irrigation channels in the village. Although repair was referred to actually there are only traces of the works and the question was one of complete reconstruction. As the channel and the masonry works therein are not in charge of the P.W.D., but of the villagers, and the villagers were not willing to contribute towards the cost of repairs, no action was taken on this petition. The Collector of Tanjore is taking action again in the matter to find out whether the interested ryots are now agreeable to contribute towards these works. If they agree, action will be taken to carry out the repairs."